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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated May 12, 2005, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed February 28, 2005, the Applicants respectfully submit the following new arguments in the above-identified case:

There are no Amendments to the Specification.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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